

## John W. Overton to Andrew Jackson, May 8, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### JOHN OVERTON TO JACKSON.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For John Overton, see vol. I., pp. 13, 45. He was now a judge of the supreme court of Tennessee.

Rogersville, Tenn. , May 8, 1814.

*Dear Genl,* By the mail early yesterday morning, your highly gratifying communication to Gov. Blount announcing the glorious termination of the Creek War arrived. I can but imperfectly communicate to you the feeling of the people here. It has produced a piece under the Rogersville head of the inclosed paper, which you will please hand to my friend Colo S. D. Hays with a request that he will hand it to Thos Bradford<sup>2</sup> for republication. Already General, it is the common theme of conversation that you must be our next Governor. Sevier's friends about Jonesborough and Greenville, who were formerly inimical to you, speak of you in terms, even, with affection. There is not a word said in this country but is not in terms of respect, if not, of admiration. Cocke, who has been here all the week is perfectly silent, and disposed to be as conciliating as he can.

<sup>2</sup> Thomas G. Bradford, publisher of the *Clarion* (Nashville).

Still I know there are some who are whining and inimical to you in one end of the State, but you may rest assured they are the fewest number. I beg you my dear friend not to notice them let them write or speak as they may. I say this with the most thorough conviction, and in the most lively solicitude for your standing, which is now as high as any man in America. Your ground is far too elevated for the bickerings which sometime take place, in the pursuit

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of fame, wealth, honor, or in the preservation of either. You possess them, and the little spirits which infest the world cannot deprive you of them, when you view such efforts with silent contempt, and conscious rectitude. Dear Genl, you will pardon these hints, as I know there are mean people whose greatest gratification, is to irritate you, and thus lessen your fame if they can.

I am sincerely Yr friend